



## **Statutory Designation of Community Advisory Boards and Selection Committee**

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### ***A.R.S. §49-281. Definitions***

**\*\* 2.** "Community" means the broad spectrum of persons determined by the director to be within an existing or proposed site placed on the registry pursuant to section 49-287.01.

### ***A.R.S. §49-289.03 Community Involvement Plan, Community Advisory Boards; rules***

[C] Before it implements a remedial investigation as provided in section 49-287.03, subsection D, the department shall develop a community involvement plan for each site that does all of the following:

1. Establishes a Community Advisory Board
2. Designates a spokesperson to inform the public and to act as a liaison between the department, the local government and the responsible party.
3. Provides for newsletters with current information about the status of remedial action at the site and other pertinent information to be distributed to residents in the site.
4. Schedules the Community Advisory Board meetings and participates in the scheduling of public meetings pursuant to Section 49-287.01, subsection E.

[D] A Selection Committee shall be established for each site that is required to have a community involvement plan pursuant to section 49-287.03, subsection D. The Selection Committee shall consist of the following members:

1. One representative of the department
2. An owner or operator of a facility within the site, or an affected business or industry
3. One local elected official
4. Two community members who are not employees of any responsible party, the department, or the local government

[E] Each Community Advisory Board shall advise the department, the public and the responsible parties of issues, concerns and opportunities related to the expeditious cleanup of the site. Each Community Advisory Board shall be composed of at least five but not more than twenty members. The members of the Community Advisory Board shall be chosen to represent a diversified cross section of the community with an appropriate balance of interested parties and affected groups. Applications for membership on the Community Advisory Board and the names of the applicants shall be made publicly available. Community Advisory Board members may serve on more than one Community Advisory Board and multiple sites may share a Community Advisory Board to avoid unnecessary multiple boards.

## **Legal Requirements for Community Advisory Boards (CABS)**

### ***A.R.S. §49-289.03(F)***

#### **Each Community Advisory Board shall:**

1. Within ninety days after appointment of members shall elect co-chairpersons and other officers if needed and shall develop a charter defining at a minimum operating procedures, membership terms and obligations, goals for developing issues, concerns and opportunities related to expeditious cleanup of the site, and the public's access and understanding of information regarding the remediation processes at the site.
2. Meet at least four times each year with the department and any identified responsible parties to receive site briefings, progress reports and other pertinent information.
3. Coordinate with the department to establish local repositories for the dissemination of information about the site.

### ***A.R.S. §49-289.03(G)***

#### **Each Community Advisory Board may:**

1. Make site visits and participate in public meetings related to cleanup opportunities and remedy selection decisions.
  2. Participate in an annual meeting held by the department in each county that has a site undergoing a remedial investigation and feasibility study under 49-287.03 or in the process of selecting or implementing a remedy for the purpose of facilitating public involvement and identifying funding priorities for site cleanups.
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